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In application of M. NISHIDA et al

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Group Art Unit: 1743

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For: REAGENT SETUP METHOD AND REAGENT SETUP  
PROCESSING EQUIPMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
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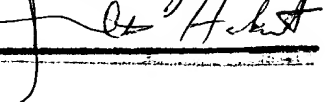
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 8, 2004,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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